Witnesses Tell U. S. Commission of Illiteracy Among River Folk.

ELDERS TRADE IN COCAINE, ONE CHARGE

Instance of "Holding Out" on Longshoremen Alleged by One Union Organizer.

An extensive interstate traffic in cocaine and other drugs is carried on by coal barge crews, according to the testimony of Walter B. Holt, organizer of the International Longshoremen's Union, before the United States Commission on Indus-

trial Relations yesterday. He declared conditions on coal barges are often revolting, and cited one instance of eight persons, four of them adults, living in one small cabin. He said there are 4,000 children on the barges and canal boats operating out of New York who never have had an opportunity to attend school and who are subjected to degrading influences of dives.

The life of a longshoreman in this port was fixed at fifteen years after he began the work-if he is healthy and robust to with. Conditions surrounding them here are worse than those in other large cities, witnesses said. Charles E. Barnes, investigator for the commission, placed the responsibility largely with the

Holt charged a specific instance of holding out" on the workers. He said longshoremen employed by the Berwind-White Coal Company were paid \$1.587 short after six weeks' work.

went to the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant," he continued, "and asked him to take the matter up with officials of the I did this because E. J. Berwind was a member of his congregation. Grant had an interview with Mr. Berwind and then came and told no that

for some men to pay foremen for their jobs, and that some foremen discrimineated against some of the men.

'Conditions could not be worse," testified Dennis Delaney, an officer of the Seamen's Institute, "in the abuse from foremen and men being 'rushed' by the

Joseph R. Franklin, organizer of the International Longshoremen's Association, told the commissioners he had seen men so startled by the curses of foremen that they jumped overboard. Holding up a hand, the tips of four fingers of which were missing, he exclaimed: "That occurred the same way. A boss yelled and the winchman started too soon.

F. W. Hersey, who testified on Monday. was recalled. He is a manager for the Bush Terminal Dock Company.

The responsibility for existing condihe said. "lies first with the city, then with the state, and then with the national government. Mrs. J. Borden Harriman asked Murtha

Fortune, another witness, what class of men predominated among longshoremen. "The Italians," he replied, "but the Irish make the best.

Harriman, smiling. "County Wexford, Ireland," was the

prompt answer. Miss Mary O. Hay, formerly connected

with the Society for Improving the dition of the Poor, told about the coal barge children who had no opportunity to go to school, a large majority of whose parents also are illiterate.

Daniel Sullivan, an officer of the Longshoremen's Union, said that not long ago his knee had been injured and he was laid off for six weeks. The company that employed him offered him \$15 in compensation; he refused the offer, brought suit for \$500 and was defeated.

R. G. Palfrey, first assistant superintendent of the Cunard Company, testified that the method of hiring men obtaining in Liverpool could be applied to New York under "certain conditions," one of which was willingness of the transportation companies to pay the increased cost of employment. He did not think the life of a longshoremen particularly hazardous.

SHOWER OF SILVER PELTS SUFFRAGISTS

Wall Street Gives Substantial paign district. Greeting to W. P. U. Orator Who Speaks Well of Men.

A shower of silver drenched suffragists who invaded Wall st. yesterday. So interested were the thousand or more ical Union orators at its weekly noon Blatch's consent, or it may be that the meeting that they couldn't wait for the union does not read 'The Woman Voter' girls wno went through the crowd passing the hat. They pressed around the speakers' automobile and threw dimes, publishing its map every month since the quarters and half-dollars into it.

One man was so pleased when Miss Helen Todd, of California, declared the suffregists put entire faith in the men of the East and their sense of justice that he gave a crisp dollar bill. The money shower amounted to about

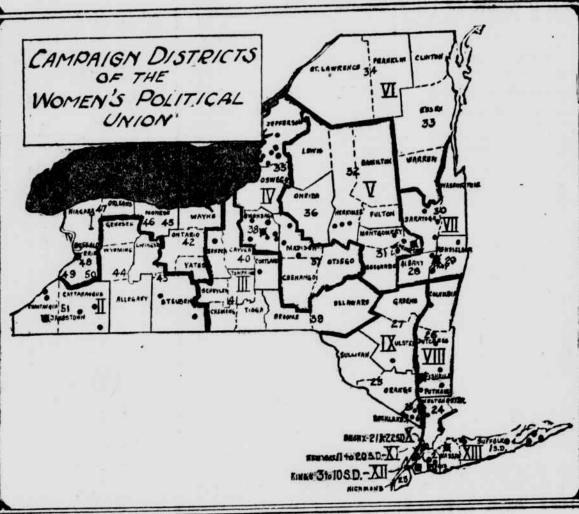
\$11. pretty good, the suffragists said, for a district which two years ago gave them only hoots and howls.

At the end of her speech Miss Todd asked every one in favor of votes for women to raise his hand. About five hundred went up, among them three white-gloved ones belonging to police-

men detailed to the meeting. Next Tuesday the W. P. U. leaders, dressed in white, will parade from the Franklin statue, in front of the Tribune Building, to Wall st. To-day they will cover some of the uptown district, but they won't walk. They are going to ride in a "rubberneck" wagon. Starting from the W. P. U. headquarters, 25 West 45th st., at 12:15 o'clock, they will make for Madison Square, where they will have a meeting at 12:30. Thence they will go to Broadway and 46th st. at 2:30,

to Fifth av. at 3:45 and to Columbus Circle at 5. Some of the women who are going are Mrs. Norman De R. Whitehouse, Miss Alice Carpenter, Mrs. John Winters Brannan, Mrs. Henry Wise Miller, Mrs. Henry Butterworth, Mrs. E. Livingston Hunt, Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Miss Anna Constable and Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, Miss Rosie Sanderman will blow her bugle from the front seat, and megaphone through will also he ention to anti-suffrage

CAMPAIGN DISTRICTS OF THE EMPIRE STATE LAWRENCE COMMITTEE



where were you bern?" asked Mrs. SUFFRAGE PARTIES AT ODDS OVER STATE "MAPS OF DOUBT

Campaign Districts Laid Out by Rival Factions Conflict- Curran Committee Aid Gets Off. Mrs. Catt's Followers Aroused by Action of Mrs. Blatch's Aids in Territorial Claims.

The rivalry between the Empire State paign committee has headquarters on campaign committee and the Women's Main st., the union, I see, announces its Political Union for the conduct of the headquarters as 2 Bank st. That must be written in black and white on a map of Washington, and I never heard of it."

Indignation was aroused yesterday in numbered from west to east, starting at the ranks of the followers of Mrs. Carrie Buffalo. The campaign committee's map Chapman Catt when it was discovered has ten districts, numbered from east to that the Women's Political Union, of West, with New York City as No. 1. Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch is with an entirely different set of divisions from those on the campaign map issued by the committee. A poor, benighted man, say, on Long-Island, who has had it pounded into his head all winter by the campaign committee that he belongs in the second campaign district, now faces the prospect of being buttonholed by the Women's Political Union and informed that he belongs in the thirteenth cam-

According to Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, of the Woman Suffrage party, which is affiliated with the can raigh committee, this move of the Women's Political Union will cause great confusion.

"I won't suggest that it was done with a purpose," she said, "because it may men who gathered in front of the Sub- have been done unintentionally by upstate Treasury to hear the Women's Polit- workers for the union, without Mrs. and therefore is in ignorance of the fact that the campaign committee has been end of last year. The union's may appears in the issue of "The Women's Political World' for May 15. It was just called to my attention this morning by Mrs. Raymond Brown.

> "It is very strange, certainly; that is all I'll say. And it is also very inefficient. "It would be very serious if the referendum were close at hand. However, am sure that before the fall of 1915 the stress of battle will have drawn both parties together and there will be no more friction. There are so many cross friendships in the two organizations that any serious rivalry would be most unfortunate. There are cases not only of friends in opposite ranks, but even of sisters, as Mrs. Francis Maule Bjorkman, who is working for the campaign committee, and

> "The union has been offered co-operation with the campaign committee and has refused it. The committee even offered to withdraw from certain districts and leave the union in control there.

Mrs. Florence Maule Cooley for the

"In some districts the union is very strongly organized; in others it is a joke. Down in Nassau County, where the cam-

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floor of the cabin of a barge anchored off Flushing ave., Long Island City, yesterday afternoon. She was taken to St. John's Hospital and revived with difficulty. She will be unable to leave the hospital for several days.

George A. Sipp, whose experiences in keeping a disorderly hotel in Harlem enabled him to give the Curran committee sensational testimony, and who played an important part in the trial and conviction of the four inspectors, had a charge of disorderly conduct made against him votes-for-women campaign in 1915 is now some little alley, because I live in Port dismissed yesterday. Sipp got into an altercation Monday with Michael Gott-The union's map has thirteen districts, lieb, president of the Carpenter Furniture Company, 278 to 386 East 143d st., over a loan of \$29,000 he had made to this company. "You know what happened to the four inspectors, and that is what will happen to you," is one of the remarks Gottlieb president, had published a campaign map Overcome by Gases from Creek told Magistrate McAdoo Sipp made to

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